NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

APPLICATION FOR FUNDS UNDER PART C OF THE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2012 (July 1, 2012-June 30, 2013)

The Arizona Early Intervention Program is a statewide program for infants and toddlers, birth to three years of age, with disabilities and their families implemented through a partnership between the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES), Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (ASDB), Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS), Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS), and the Arizona Department of Education (ADE).

The Department of Economic Security, Arizona Early Intervention Program (DES/AzEIP), as the Lead Agency for Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), is seeking public comment on Arizona's proposed 2012 Application for Federal Funds and proposed early intervention policies, which are revised to incorporate provisions of the IDEA, Part C implementing regulations issued on September 28, 2011. Policy areas issued for comment include early intervention services, financial matters, procedural safeguards, transition, and general supervision.

The Arizona Department of Economic Security, Arizona Early Intervention Program (DES/AzEIP) will accept input on the application and proposed policies, **February 17, 2012 through April 16, 2012**. The proposed application and policies will be available at www.azdes.gov/AzEIP. If you are unable to access the application and policies electronically, please contact DES/AzEIP at (602) 532-9960; toll free outside of Maricopa County at (888) 439-5609, or by e-mail at AllAzEIP2@azdes.gov.

Persons submitting comments on any of the documents should indicate support, opposition, suggested changes, additions, or deletions. Written comments may be submitted to DES/AzEIP at 3839 North Third Street, Suite 304, Phoenix, AZ 85012, or AzEIPPublicComments@azdes.gov by 2:00 p.m. on April 16, 2012. Written and verbal comments will be accepted at the following public comment hearings:

Date	Time	Location
March 28, 2012	1:00 – 3:00 PM	DES/AzEIP 3839 North Third Street, Suite 301 Phoenix, AZ 85012
April 3, 2012	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Easter Seals Blake Foundation Commerce Park Loop (CPL) The Santa Cruz and Pantano Rooms 330 North Commerce Park Loop, Suite 100 Tucson, AZ 85745
April 5, 2012	1:00 - 3:00 PM	Arizona State Schools for the Deaf and the Blind NCRC 1000 E. Butler Ave, Suite 115 Flagstaff, AZ 86004 *Limited parking available